SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

In the following discussion, the independent claims are read on one of many possible embodiments without limiting the claims:

9. An apparatus comprising:

a storage device to store an original content item in multiple blocks, each block containing at least a single byte, the blocks stored in a logically linear fashion within the storage allocated for the content item (Fig. 1, 50; spec. at p. 5, lines 12-17);

a key generator to generate a key according to an identifier value of another apparatus (Fig. 1; spec. at p. 5, lines 18-19); and

a reorderer to reorder the blocks of the original content item according to the key without reordering the bits within the blocks, the reordered blocks stored in a nonlinear fashion within the storage allocated for the reordered content item (Fig. 1; p. 5, lines 19-20), wherein the reordered blocks include a first reordered block of a first block size and a second reordered block of a second block size which is different than the first block size (spec. at p. 5, lines 5-6).

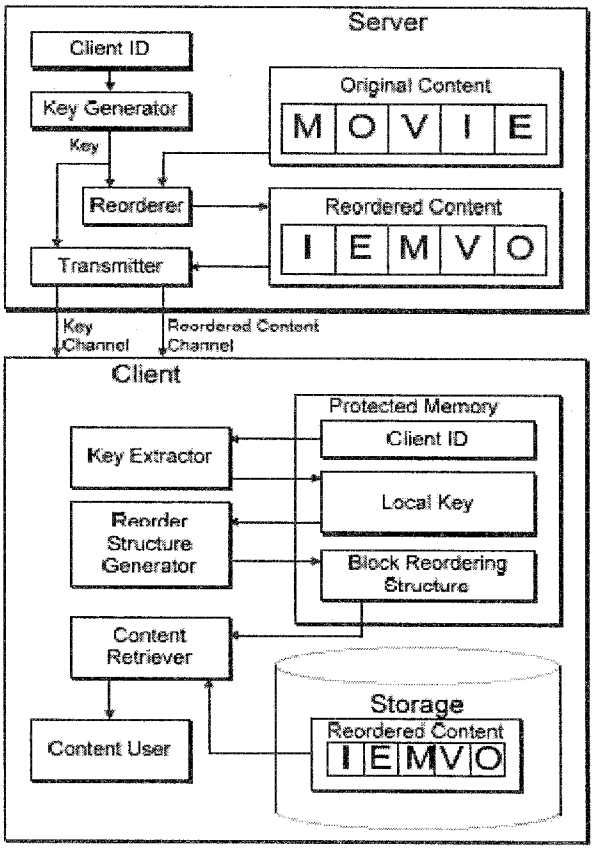

Fig. 1 50

At this point, no issue has been raised that would suggest that the words in the claims have any meaning other than their ordinary meanings. Nothing in this section should be taken as an indication that any claim term has a meaning other than its ordinary meaning.

CLAIMS APPENDIX

The claim on appeal is:

9. An apparatus comprising:

a storage device to store an original content item in multiple blocks, each block containing at least a single byte, the blocks stored in a logically linear fashion within the storage allocated for the content item;

a key generator to generate a key according to an identifier value of another apparatus; and

a reorderer to reorder the blocks of the original content item according to the key without reordering the bits within the blocks, the reordered blocks stored in a nonlinear fashion within the storage allocated for the reordered content item, wherein the reordered blocks include a first reordered block of a first block size and a second reordered block of a second block size which is different than the first block size.